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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

William J. Curatolo, et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/803,628

FILING DATE: March 9, 2001

TITLE: Controlled-Release Dosage Forms of  
Azithromycin

Examiner: R. DeWitty

Group Art Unit: 1616

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action (a rejection) dated October 6, 2003 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the amendments, comments and traversal, which follow.

Please make the following changes to the claims in the application, shown as the Section starting on the next separate page: